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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, KS, KN, US
SUBJ: POSSIBLE IDENTIFICATION OF NEW NORTH KOREAN TUNNEL
(OPERATION SWEEPING SNOW)

REF: SEOUL 1746

SUMMARY: SEARCH FOR NEW NORTH KOREAN TUNNEL REPORTED REFTEL
WAS TERMINATED EVENING OF MARCH 7 AFTER BULLDOZERS REACHED
DEPTH OF 25 FEET AND UNCOVERED IRON ORE VEIN. END SUMMARY

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MESSAGE SENT FROM UNC ANNOUNCING
TERMINATION OF TUNNEL SEARCH OPERATION REPORTED REFTEL: QUOTE

2. SUBJECT OPERATION CEASED 071830I MARCH 78. ANOMALY
IDENTIFIED AS GEOLOGIC (4.5 FT X 4.5 FT LOW GRADE IRON ORE
VEIN).

3. SURVEILLANCE AT ALL THREE LOCATIONS (AT SUSPECTED TUNNEL
SITE) CONTINUES (SEISMIC, PHOTOGRAPHIC, RADAR SCAN AND GEOLOGIC
SURVEY). INTERESTINGLY, MADMADE SOUNDS AT CT 334292 ALSO
STOPPED THE SAME DAY OPERATION SWEEPING SNOW BEGAN, LEADING
US TO BELIEVE THERE IS CORRELATION.

4. DISAPPOINTED, NOT DISCOURAGED. END QUOTE.

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